

Grape & Wine Development Fund Senate File 524

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An Act providing assistance regarding the development of grapes and wine.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS

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GRAPE AND WINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- Creates the Grape and Wine Development Commission that will consist of nine members, including four non-voting members and five voting members. The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint the voting members that will include two grape growers, two wine makers, and one retailer. (Page 1, Line 21)

GRAPE AND WINE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- Members of the Commission will not be reimbursed for expenditures related to the Commission. (Page 2, Line 24)

GRAPE AND WINE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship will administer the Grape and Wine Development Programs and the Grape and Wine Development Fund. (Page 2, Line 35)

GRAPE AND WINE DEVELOPMENT FUND

- The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, in cooperation with the Commission, will provide technical assistance to persons for the establishment, improvement, or expansion of vineyards or winemaking operations. This will include viticulturalist and oenological assistance. (Page 4, Line 3)
- Creates the Grape and Wine Development Fund under the Direction of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The Fund will be appropriated by the General Assembly and also include funds contributed by the federal government or private sources. There is no appropriation for FY 2002. (Page 5, Line 4)
- Specifies the Department can use funds to contract with a viticulturalist or oenologist for technical assistance. The Fund will be used to provide financial assistance to vineyards or winemaking operations. (Page 5, Line 12)
- Requires excess funds from the Grape and Wine Development Fund at the end of the fiscal year carry forward for Grape and Wine Development Programs to provide financial assistance to growers and winemakers. (Page 5, Line 18)